



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED

THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

WITH "V" DEVICE

TO

SERGEANT JUSTIN M. CHAPPELL


BRAVO COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 32ND INFANTRY REGIMENT, TASK FORCE TITAN

FOR VALOROUS AND MERITORIOUS ACTIONS WHILE ENGAGED IN DIRECT COMBAT OPERATION SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM IX ON 27 APRIL 2009. SERGEANT CHAPPELL'S COURAGE AND SELFLESS DEDICATION IN A COMBAT ZONE, UNDER THE MOST EXTREME OF CIRCUMSTANCES CONTRIBUTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. SERGEANT CHAPPELL'S ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, TASK FORCE SPARTAN, COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE SPARTAN, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

ON THIS 4TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009

Permanent Order # 216-065
HQ, 3-10 IBCT, TF Spartan
FOB Shank, Afghanistan
APO AE 09364




DAVID B. HAIGHT
COL, IN
Commanding

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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1. TO CDR, TF SPARTAN APO AE 09354	2. FROM CDR, B CO, TF TITAN APO AE 09364	3. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090729
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PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) CHAPPELL, JUSTIN M.	5. RANK SGT	6. SSN XXXXXXXXXX
7. ORGANIZATION B CO, 1-32 INF, 3D IBCT, 10TH MTN FOB ALTIMUR, APO AE 09364	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS AAM-2	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE Army	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD ARCOMV	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20090427 b. TO 20090427

12. REASON FOR AWARD

12a. INDICATE REASON VALOR	12b. INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12c. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13. PROPOSED PRESENTATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20091001
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PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) CAMACHO, BRANDON R.	15. ADDRESS B CO, 1-32 INF, 3D IBCT, 10TH MTN DIV (LI) FOB ALTIMUR, AFGHANISTAN APO AE 09364
16. TITLE/POSITION PLATOON SERGEANT	17. RANK SSG
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE PLATOON LEADER	19. SIGNATURE <i>Brandon Camacho</i>

PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)**20. ACHIEVEMENTS****ACHIEVEMENT #1**

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ACHIEVEMENT #2**ACHIEVEMENT #3****ACHIEVEMENT #4****21. PROPOSED CITATION**

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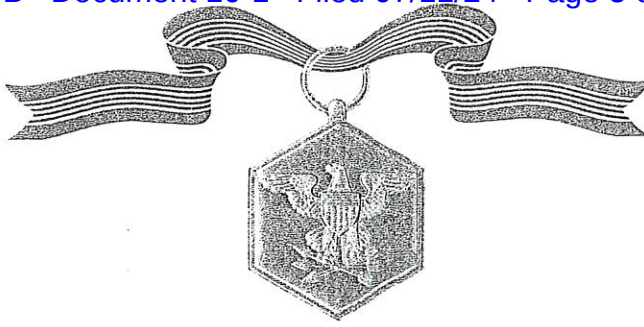
SGT JUSTIN M. CHAPPELL / ARCOM-V

On April 27, 2009 Battle Company, 3rd Platoon was tasked with conducting Key leader Engagements in the village of Charkh, 425 VC 9470 4010. Upon arriving at the Charkh District Center, the platoon dismounted, leaving an element with the vehicles to provide over watch, while the other conducted key leader engagements in the town bazaar. Sergeant Justin M. Chappell, The Weapons Squad Leader, was in charge of positioning the trucks in a security perimeter around the District Center.

The determined enemy began their attack from a nearby orchard, engaging the southern portion of the vehicle patrol base. SGT Chappell immediately spotted two enemy personnel attempting to maneuver on a ridge line to attack his position in the northern section of the vehicle patrol base. SGT Chappell immediately ordered his gunner, PVT Ramsey, to engage the enemy. Upon receiving fire, the enemy moved into a nearby orchard, concentrating their machine gun and RPG fire onto two vehicles. SGT Chappell without hesitation ran across the open courtyard of the district center 150 meters to the two trucks that were receiving an intense amount of fire from the enemy. The two gunners were pinned down in the turret by the enemy, only 150 meters away. SGT Chappell jumped onto the truck and began giving fire commands to the gunner. He then moved 50 meters across open ground to the other truck and began giving fire commands with rounds ricocheting off the trucks and RPG's impacting nearby. The two gunners, seeing SGT Chappell move between the two trucks still under a great deal of machine gun and RPG fire and without duress, boosted their fighting spirit, engaging the enemy with an overwhelming amount of machine gun fire. SGT Chappell continuously moved between the two trucks giving accurate fire commands which caused a short lull in the firefight. This pause allowed the rest of the platoon to consolidate at the district center. Upon the return of a machine gun team, SGT Chappell collected his men and moved to a second story building, which had an excellent vantage point. SGT Chappell, still under a heavy amount of machine gun and RPG fire, put the gun into action, giving both accurate and lethal fire commands. This new machinegun position had a devastating effect on the resilient enemy, causing them to retreat from the orchard, not to be seen in the area for the rest of the day.

SGT Chappell distinguished himself with valor by willingly leaving the safety of nearby Hesco barriers, exposing himself to enemy fire and possible injury in order to lead and motivate his Soldiers. His calm and collected leadership and unwavering courage while under intense enemy fire resulted in the defeat of a determined and hardened foe.

FOR VALOROUS AND MERITORIOUS ACTIONS WHILE ENGAGED IN DIRECT COMBAT AGAINST AN ARMED ENEMY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM IX. SERGEANT CHAPPELL'S COURAGE AND SELFLESS DEDICATION IN A COMBAT ZONE, UNDER THE MOST EXTREME OF CIRCUMSTANCES, GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. SERGEANT CHAPPELL'S ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, TASK FORCE SPARTAN, COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE-82 AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



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TASK FORCE TITAN**

FOR EXCEPTIONAL AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS A SQUAD LEADER. SERGEANT CHAPPELL'S SUPERB LEADERSHIP, EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF TASK FORCE SPARTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM IX. HIS SELFLESS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, TF SPARTAN, COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE-82 AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

FROM 10 JANUARY 2009 TO 10 JANUARY 2010

ON THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2009

**Permanent Order # 209-053
HQ, 3-10 IBCT, TF Spartan
FOB Shank, Afghanistan
APO AE 09364**




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PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Chappell, Justin M.	5. RANK SGT	6. SSN 24-085062
7. ORGANIZATION B CO, 1-32 IN, 3D IBCT, 10TH MTN DIV (LI) FOB ALTIMUR, APO AE 09364	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS AAM-2	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE Army	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD ARCOM	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20090110 b. TO 20100110
12. REASON FOR AWARD		
12a. INDICATE REASON SVC	12b. INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	12c. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13. PROPOSED PRESENTATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100115		

PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bunn, James S.	15. ADDRESS B CO, 1-32 IN, 3D IBCT, 10TH MTN DIV (LI) FOB ALTIMUR, AFGHANISTAN APO AE 09364
16. TITLE/POSITION Platoon Sergeant	17. RANK SFC
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE Supervisor	19. SIGNATURE BUNN.JAMES.STEVEN. 11-100023

PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS
ACHIEVEMENT #1 SGT Chappell deployed to Eastern Afghanistan as a member of Task Force Titan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom IX and X. During the deployment he performed his duties as both an Infantry Line Squad Leader and Weapons Squad leader in 3rd Platoon, Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, enhancing the stability and security of the region.
ACHIEVEMENT #2 On 24 March 2009 while pulling security at the Afghan National Police Traffic Control Point, insurgent elements opened fire on the patrol base with RPG's and small arms. While under direct enemy fire, SGT Chappell, without regard to his own safety, moved to an M1151 gun truck armed with an M240B machine gun and maneuvered it into a position which allowed it to effectively suppress the enemy. This allowed the Platoon the advantage to maneuver on and destroy the enemy.
ACHIEVEMENT #3 On both 03 May 2009 and 12 May 2009 while acting as Weapons Squad Leader, SGT Chappell's element was engaged by the enemy while conducting operations in the vicinity of the Charkh District Center. SGT Chappell's leadership, experience, and aggressiveness were key in his element's success in repelling the enemy and defending the District Center. On 12 May 2009, he personally ensured SPC Carrick, who had sustained a shrapnel injury to the left shoulder, was properly treated and moved to the Platoon's Casualty Collection Point.
ACHIEVEMENT #4 SGT Chappell always volunteered himself and his Squad for complicated and challenging missions. His Squad excelled in an ever changing combat environment, adapting to a dangerous and elusive enemy and completing every mission given. SGT Chappell participated in numerous joint patrols and Operations Screw Driver, Blazing Saddles and Dusty Trails. His aggressiveness and technical and tactical knowledge as an Infantryman have contributed immensely to the Global War on Terror.
21. PROPOSED CITATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS A SQUAD LEADER. SGT CHAPPELL'S SUPERB LEADERSHIP, EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF TASK FORCE TITAN IN SUPPORT OF OEF IX AND X. HIS SELFLESS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, TASK FORCE TITAN, TASK FORCE SPARTAN AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Chappell, Justin M.		SSN [REDACTED]	
PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL			
22. I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with AR 600-8-22; and that the information contained in Part I is correct.		22a. SIGNATURE TERESA DIKE STEWART	22b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090705
23. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO CDR, TF TITAN APO AE 09364	b. FROM CDR, B CO, TF TITAN APO AE 09364	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090705
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:			
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) WINGEART, JASON M.		f. RANK CPT	
g. TITLE/POSITION COMPANY COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE WINGEART, JASON M.	
i. COMMENTS A solid performer in a position usually held by a SSG			
24. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO CDR, TF SPARTAN APO AE 09364	b. FROM CDR, TF TITAN APO AE 09364	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090717
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:			
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) GUKEISEN, THOMAS B.		f. RANK LTC	
g. TITLE/POSITION SQUADRON COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE [Signature]	
i. COMMENTS			
25. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO	b. FROM	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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g. TITLE/POSITION		h. SIGNATURE	
i. COMMENTS			
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d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:			
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) HAIGHT, DAVID B.		f. RANK COL	
g. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE [Signature]	
i. COMMENTS			
PART V - ORDERS DATA			
27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ TF SPARTAN, 3D IBCT, 10TH MTN DIV (LI) FOB SHANK, APO AE 09364		27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO. 209-053	31. DISTRIBUTION 1-File 1-OMPF 1-Unit 3-Individual
28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY ALLEYNE, ERIC E.		28b. RANK MAJ	
28c. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE ADJUTANT		29. APPROVED AWARD ARCOM	
28d. SIGNATURE [Signature]		30. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090728	